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❖ HUGS!

Bohn, Bongio bond over former boneheadedness

A mutual snowflake society is born

Rezurock Ponvory

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Humboldt County First District Supervisor Rex Bohn and former County Planning Commissioner Alan Bongio reportedly broke down in tears and "hugged it out" during a mandated sensitivity training, sources said.

"I'm so ashamed of how insensitive I've been to women, Mexican-Americans and, well, pretty much everyone" sobbed Bohn, choking back tears. "I didn't mean to be offensive. I just am!"

Bongio nodded woefully, hanging his head in shame. "I'm sorry for everything I ever said about the *****, the *****, or the *****" he mumbled regretfully.

"Who knew that delegitimizing others on the basis of race was the textbook definition of racist? Well, everyone but me, I've come to learn. And maybe Rex."



Rex Bohn



Alan Bongio

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Mass doobie sparkage sets Arcata sky on fire

Qulipta Idebenone

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – The sheer number and density of individuals sparking up joints in Arcata literally ignited the atmosphere last Wednesday afternoon.

The massive flashover sent a mushroom cloud-like plume of sickly-sweet weed smoke rising over the town, with subsequent syrupy THC fallout leaving buildings, streets, foliage, abandoned furniture and dreadlocks alike dripping with dank, syrupy cannabis resin.

Not everyone was unhappy with this development.

For some, the stoney, all-permeating goo proved



THAT SMELL Don't bogart that mushroom cloud.

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to be a machinery-clogging nightmare. For others, the... the uh... wait, what were we talking about?

"It was bound to happen," said National Weather Service Meteorologist Pepaxto Rolvedon. Rolve-

don has been notified because initial reports were of a meteor striking Arcata.

SHROOM CLOUD ❖ PAGE A4

TURNS OUT THEY'RE ALL DUDES



MANNING UP Councilmembers Stacy A-S, Meredith Matthews, Stanley Schaefer, Ken White and Alexander Stillman. VIA YOUTUBE

She-council a drag show all along

Vonjo Rezlidhia

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Arcata's all-woman City Council has had a secret up until now – five secrets, really – kept from each other as well as the public:

They're all men.

The shocking revelation surfaced last week in the council office, AKA changing room, where Mayor Stanley Schaefer was making the weekly transformation into his alter she-ego, Sarah.

Imagine his surprise when in walked council colleague GIRLS WILL BE BOYS ❖ PAGE A2

Bellyachers find strength in numbers, volume

Anakinra Pluvicto

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HUMBOLDT, APRIL 1 – A new activist group is promising to stop the shilly-shallying and make real change in Humboldt.

"Enough talk," said Korsuva Vabysmo, founder of Citizens of Motivated Persuasion Leveraging Action In NoHum! (COMPLAIN!). "Time for you to walk the walk!"

Counterintuitively, the group's main tactic – and mission – is to agitate others to do what needs to be done.



"The less we as complainers do, the louder we can be," said COMPLAIN! Chief Agitator Adbry Tavneos. "And the louder we can be, the more likely you are to actually, for once, get things done!"

In every venue available, COMPLAIN!'s cadre of tiffy teller-offers are set to deploy their shriller-than-thou argumentative tools – from sarcasm to doomful predictions to sanctimonious virtue signaling – to bring decisionmakers to heel.

"Leadership by screeching," Vabysmo calls it. Tavneos said scientific studies show COMPLAIN! ❖ PAGE A4

Monumental Bottoms sign beckons fresh Humb arrivals

Fotivda Lumakras

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – As part of its sweeping polytechnic transformation, Cal Poly Humboldt has finished construction of a new sign on the Arcata Bottom, one it says will "welcome incoming students, instructors and staff on a scale reflecting Humboldt's potential."

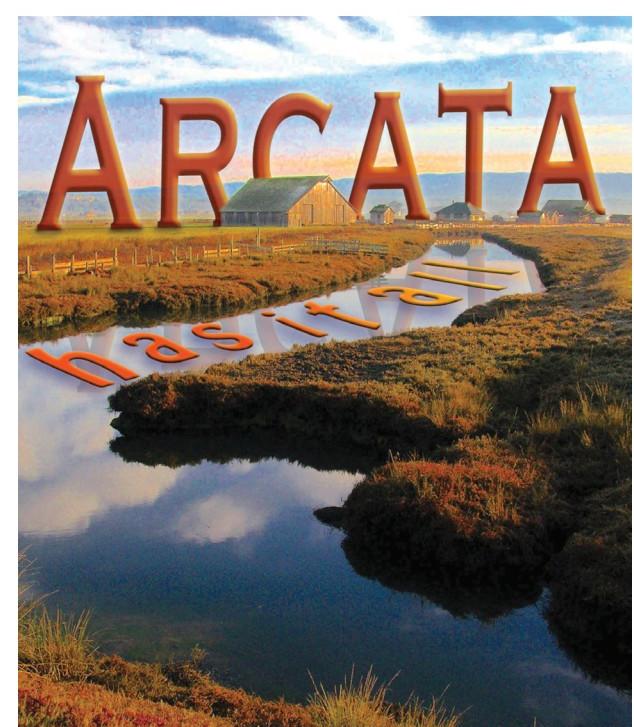
The giant-ass sign – more of a sculpture, really – consists of six red steel-tower letters spelling out "Arcata" and towering 192 feet over the Bottoms. A second set of letters anchored in Liscom

Slough spell out "has it all," completing the town's unofficial catch-phrase.

"We wanted something you could see from an incoming jet-liner, if not space itself," said Sunlenca Lunsumio, Cal Poly spokesperson. "All while having a minimal impact on the delicate Bottoms environment."

Some 67,000 tons of prime topsoil were scraped away from former farm and ranchlands and incinerated to make room for the towering letters, while Liscom Slough was trenched and culverted for about six-tenths of a mile to allow for new roads and parking lots, which will drain into it.

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SUPERSIGN The bombastic new greeting to arriving visitors.

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UPSCALE LODGING With housing demand critical, local Airbnb operator Arazio Dabrafenib has taken upscale lodging to new heights. High over downtown Arcata, her new "Mural View Bnb" offers lodgers multiple vistas, from the new Karuk-Yurok mural to the vast, hazy dispensary district and Arcata Bay beyond. Despite its deceptively compact size, Mural View Bnb includes a capacious Great Room, full kitchen, laundry room, master suite, cinema, exercise room, spa, indoor pool, two-lane bowling alley, a small chapel and servants' quarters.

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ORGANIC OPIATES Pepperwood's Flood Plain Produce's Hell and Molly Kreb now offer Organically Grown Heroin and Sustainable Crack. This being their 40th year in business, they think this is the time to switch it up. After gaining notoriety with their locally famous Blackberry Popsicles, the new value-added products could add nicely to the business's bottom line. Kreb stated, "They don't call it 'Avenue of the Giants' for nothin'." Next up: free-range Fentanyl. SUBMITTED PHOTO

❖ PAVED AND DEFUSED

Rob Arkley solves Gateway, door dings

Verquvo Montelukast

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 — Opponents of Arcata's Gateway Area Plan have found a new champion and unexpected ally in Rob Arkley after the Eureka business owner reportedly offered to buy all of the parcels within the plan area to convert them to parking lots for his business.

Arcata's Gateway Area Plan facilitates the development of a high-density, walkable, mixed-use urban core with up to 3,500 housing units in buildings up to seven stories tall. It also provides a template and road map to guide future Arcata housing developments.

But opponents fault the plan, its process and the mustache-twisting villains at City Hall who wish to lock West Arcata into an urban hellscape of developer-defined, Soviet-style high-rise buildings from which there is no escape, where cars are criminalized and residents cower in fear of imminent earthquakes, liquefaction, inundation and live consumption by sea creatures, plus pocket parks and bikeshare stations.

Arkley, president and CEO of Eureka-based Security National Servicing Corporation, recently clashed with the City of Eureka over its plans to convert numerous downtown parking lots into affordable housing developments, saying that providing convenient off-street parking for his employees should be the city's top priority.

Following a particularly heated Dec. 27 meeting



Rob Arkley

with City staff, a furious Arkley announced his intention to move Security National out of Eureka.

It was later learned that he had put in an offer to buy all 138 acres designated as part of the Gateway Plan.

According to Arkley, his plan would tear down all of the existing buildings to create a new one-acre headquarters for Security National along with "137 acres of beautiful, paved open space" for his employees.

"With 220 employees, that works out to almost two-thirds of an acre per parking space," said Arkley. "I want to make sure that none of my employees ever have to suffer the indignity of door dings."

To maximize use of the available parking, Arkley noted that all of his employees would be required to sign an agreement that they will never carpool or use public transit. "I want every parking spot full, every day" he decreed.

Craig Queen, an outspoken opponent of the Gateway Area Plan, praised Arkley's vision as a great way "to preserve the Arcata we know and love."

"We all want a walkable community, but let's be honest. We don't want to walk too far," Queen said. "Providing more parking will allow more people to come to Arcata's quaint downtown and walk no more than a reasonable distance to the Plaza."

Queen also appreciated that Arkley's plan would nix the tall buildings proposed in the Gateway Plan. "Those parking lots will really open up an unobstructed view of the bay as it slowly rises over the next few decades to engulf the entire area in question," he said.



Stacy A-S



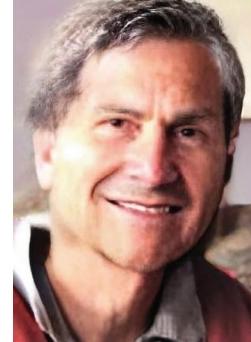
Meredith Matthews



Stanley Schaefer



Ken White



Alexander Stillman

Boys wil be girls | It's a mixed-up, muddled up, shook-up world

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and vice mayor, Meredith Matthews. Dropping both his wig and jaw simultaneously, Matthews exclaimed, "No way! You too?!?"

The two bros had barely re-bonded as dudes when in walked colleagues Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Ken White and Alexander Stillman.

On approaching City Hall, the three had become

mired in the fresh glaze of THC coating the town, which had peeled away their drag costumes.

For all five, the jig was up. Gasps greeted the formerly female five as they entered Council Chamber and marched manfully to the council dais.

Mayor Schaefer was stoic about the awkward situation.

"It is what it is," he said. "We're still the same people. We can identify as women if that makes you more comfortable."

Councilmember Stillman wasn't apologetic. "If you only just figured this out, remember that you've been calling me Alex for 50 years," he said. "Something to think about."

Matthews and At-

kins-Salazar noted that they too had gender-ambiguous names that no one had asked anything about.

In a concession to local journalists, Atkins-Salazar agreed to legally change his last name to A-S to help reduce excessive keystrokes during late-night deadlines.

Like an experienced schoolteacher, Schaefer then issued his usual directive for citizens to efficiently line up in an orderly fashion to take their turn insulting and disparaging the council and staff.

But after all the initial drama, the rest of the meeting was more or less routine, with no more than average weeping, wailing, sturm and drang. Maybe a little more drang.

In response to a question, City Manager Kevin Diemer said that there would likely be no criminal repercussions over the gender reveal, and Police Chief Brianne Ahearn agreed.



Former Arcata Liquors under new ownership

Bohngio | Bigotry to bro hugs

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The sensitivity training had been arranged by the County of Humboldt in response to recent events. In August of 2022, Bongio drew criticism for racially insensitive remarks he made as Chair of the Planning Commission about "the Indians" and invoking a racist and pejorative phrase. He later resigned.

In January, Bohn, an amateur comedian and prayer advocate, publicly apologized for making a sexually disparaging joke about a female business owner while acting as auctioneer at a Eureka Chamber of Commerce dinner. Bohn had previously drawn fire for making a joke about Mexican Americans.

At the conclusion of the sensitivity training, Bohn and Bongio

rose and both burst into tears as they gave each other a big bro-hug.

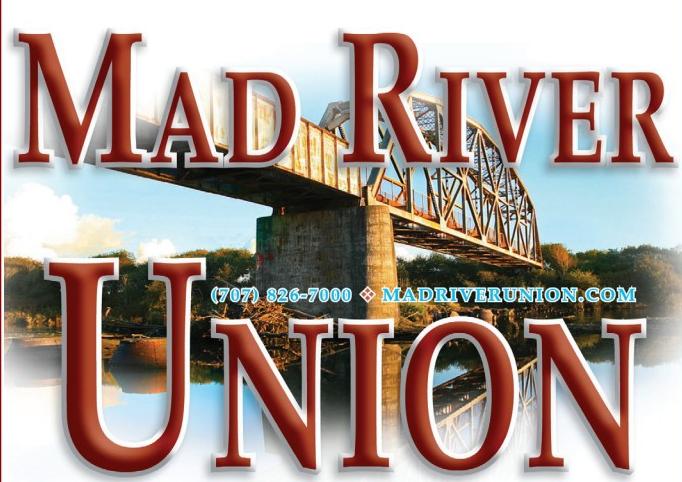
"I didn't realize until now that I was a misogynist", declared Bohn. "I didn't even know what misogynist meant. I thought it was a person who gave backrubs."

"And I now recognize how I have unfairly benefitted from generations of institutional white male privilege" said Bongio. "It's like I suddenly woke up!"

A changed man, Bohn said "I shall henceforth and forevermore strive to be a better human being and work to make this a better world for all man... excuse me, all humankind".

As they walked away, Bohn could be heard saying privately to Bongio "It was pretty funny, though, wasn't it?" to which Bongio chuckled.

KNITTING THE FIREFIGHTER WAY After spending long hours lounging around their various fire stations waiting for something to happen, Arcata Fire District personnel have become expert in a variety of creative hobbies, and are now ready to share their leisure skills with the public. Signups are now open for Advanced AFD Knitting classes at the district's McKinleyville station, while the Alliance Road station will offer courses in macrame. To assist in emergency preparedness, the downtown Arcata station will specialize in candle making. "Candles are always useful in lighting your home," recommended AFD Hobby Captain Sernivo Yescarta. "Just set 'em out all around the house, fire 'em up and forget about 'em – they'll warm the place up real quick, too."



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Cyber-muffin dispute sours bakery's debut

Talicia Tagamet
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Activists are protesting a new Arcata bakery, on grounds that its muffin offerings are tainted by modern technology, and not truly organic.

The Earthlove Organic Muffinry and Backhoe Bucket Emporium, a new South G Street business, had opened amid fanfare and enthusiasm last week, with an Arcata Chamber ribbon cutting, mixer and the traditional three-hour ritual sacrifice.

But the exuberance was short-lived, as keen-eyed customers soon found fault with the product, the process and the very propriety of the enterprise.

"You might think you're enjoying a tasty hometown muffin," said food activist Veleade Janumet. "But you're

really being fed a giant pile

of banana-walnut silicon cooked up by Big Tech."

The outcry erupted when someone in the lobby spied in the distance a digital timer on the back wall of the kitchen. The timer controls the muffins' oven time, "and hence your food supply, and finally, you!" according to Janumet.

"This explains why those of us who are silicon-sensitive suffered seizures after eating these so called delicasies," she said. "What next? Do I need a bar code tattooed on my forehead just to eat a pastry? Do I have to have a USB port installed in my nostril?"

Earthlove owner Osha Hazwoper said the whole brouhaha has been a huge misunderstanding.

The "digital timer" is just an old photo of one, from when Clem the baker worked at the Deli Llama, which he slapped on the wall to remind everyone how long to bake the muffins. "It's just how Clem does things," she said. "He's an odd fellow, but his muffins are the shizzle."

"A digital photo!" exclaimed Janumet with histrionic horror. "I'm sure I'll still be tasting silicon in the muffins!"

"No, it's from Clem's Polaroid Land Camera," Hazwoper explained. "It was the '70s, remember? The analog '70s."

"You mean... made of chemicals?" Janumet said, beginning to shudder and list to one side.

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REDUCING VISUAL IMPACTS The repainting of historic Jacoby's Storehouse took a colorful turn when the project was presented to the Planning Commission.

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Storehouse camouflaged to downplay height

Amvuttra Mounjaro

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Those with a keen eye for their surroundings might notice some subtle changes to Arcata's iconic, historic, majestic, venerable and suddenly controversial Jacoby Building. When the building's owners, C.B.G.T., LLC asked the Planning Commission to sign off on its new, \$172,000 paint job, they got a lot more advice than they expected.

A squad of speakers from the new COMPLAIN! activist group slammed the building, its paint job, its current owners, founder Augustus Jacoby, his iconic Arcata building and his dogs, Buttons and Flossie.

Their issue? The building's height. While the storehouse appears to be three stories from the Plaza, it turns out those are only the second, third and fourth floors.

"If there's one thing we've

learned from the Gateway Area Plan controversy, it's that happiness is impossible near any building higher than three stories," proclaimed Saphnelo Cosela, chief complainer. "All these years at fairs and farmers markets I thought I was having fun, but now I find out that I was miserable all along. How do I get those years back? Can you give them to me? No, because we've been lied to – again!"

Cosela said that to her horror, she learned that Storehouse builder "Disgustus" Jacoby had a "dark secret" – an additional floor visible only from the building's south side.

"Apparently we have to inspect every side of every building in town to find out if it's as tall as it looks," she said. "City Hall knew about this all along, but have you seen any news about it? Meanwhile, the city tells us to buy farm shares and compost and to look up from our mobile devices when we cross the street, but look up at what – colossal death towers like Jacoby's Storehouse?"

Following more comments calling

the venerable mercantile building a "stealth Gateway dogwhistle," designed to condition the citizenry to skyscrapers, the Planning Commission got involved.

While they praised the intention of the camouflage scheme, as well as its "serendipitous resonance with the attire of many of the Plaza's urban travelers," there was a strong push to include a shout-out to Arcata's granola-infused back-to-the-land era of the 1960s and '70s.

"Add a little paisley, and maybe some Humboldt purple," recommended Commissioner Brukinsa Brilinta. "It's a subtle touch, but a key historical note for many."

Gateway opponents weren't mollified by the modification. "They've painted themselves into a corner," said militant Allegra Onpatro. "We won't rest until every single aspect of the Gateway Area Plan has been thoroughly misrepresented, sensationalized and fixed in the public mind as a menace to society, mom, apple pie and newborn kittens," she said. "And we'll never betray fluffy little kittens!"

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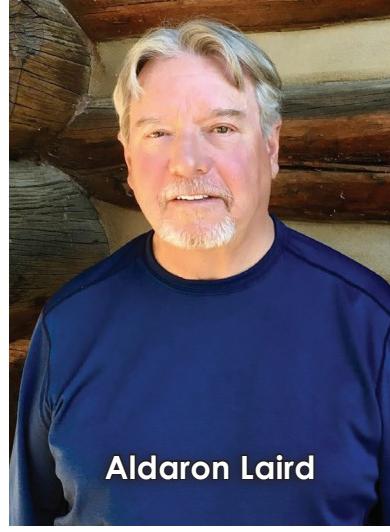
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All-knowing, all-seeing oracle of water wisdom sets fans a-quiver

Lantus Genvoya
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Having attained legend status as an all-knowing environmental polymath, man for all seasons and overall oracle owning definitive wisdom on every topic, from sea level rise to wastewater processing and beyond, Arcata environmental planner and mythic figure Aldaron Laird was set to make a long-anticipated appearance at this week's Sea Level Rise Joint Planning Commission/City Council study session.



Aldaron Laird

Preparation for Laird's descent from Rose Court Cottage was intense last week. A major question was how to herald his arrival.

Would rose petals sprinkled in His path be eponymously appropriate? What about a brass band playing songs about rivers, water and fish? Would water-themed cuisine such as wild salmon and seaweed crisps be well-received, or offensive?

On getting wind of the exhaustive preparations, a slightly discomfited Laird sought to lower his devotees' expectations. "Hey look, you don't need to do all that, because I'm not all that," he said. "I do have some timely information and observations for the city to consider though. That's what we ought to focus on, OK?"

"He spoke!" swooned the Exalted One's fanbots, several of whom fainted, with a few more ardent

devotees expiring outright from sheer, heartstruck euphoria.

Stepping over the crumpled figures, Laird added, "I hope you pay particular attention to Jeff Anderson's hydrodynamic modeling of Humboldt Bay's topography for inundation vulnerability mapping."

On hearing the golden verbiage spilling from his mouth, most remaining Lairdlings within an approximate radius of 90 feet melted into quivering globs of bubbling plasma. The few that survived set about making ringtones of Laird saying "vulnerability mapping."

Laird's attempts to downplay his deity-like status fell to ruin as he ambled home, with a small crowd following at a respectful distance and only a few kissing the pavement where he had trod.

En route, he encountered and rescued a treed kitten, foiled a robbery at Arcata Liquors where he subdued two culprits, then finally, singlehandedly wrenched a fire truck from a muddy ditch into which it had swerved.



LOFTY LIBRARIAN

HIGH ON READING Downtown businessperson and reading advocate Martin Swett of Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation beams with pride at the new Little Free Library he's installed just outside his fourth-floor office. He's publicizing the new reading resource in hopes of attracting more readers. Having stocked it with such eclectic and appealing fare as tomes on financial literacy, romantic fiction, biographies, pop-up books, books of obsolete fabric swatches left in the hallway by Living Quarters downstairs, and stained 1961 Maytag dishwasher repair manuals, He's been disappointed and a little mystified at the low readership, but some irresistible new content may change all that. "I just found some vintage National Geographics from some lady's basement," he said excitedly. "Come and flip through them before the mustiness wears off."

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO TOOK THIS PIC. WAS THAT YOU, MATT? OR MAYBE I DID. OR MAYBE TERENCE TOOK IT WAY BACK IN THE DAY

Vets demand election pre-approval

Terlivaz Cibinquo
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Emboldened by their recent effort to halt implementation of voter-approved Measure M, military veterans from Arcata's American Legion Post have identified further issues which require their patriotic intervention.

The vets say they're ready to serve by overseeing a range of community institutions, from voting to vows to vittles.

"We're not sure Arcata understands that we fought for the democracy they enjoy," said Legion spokesman Bavenco Belbuca. "So it's clearly our duty to supervise things now. That is, unless you hate the flag."

Still stinging from the narrow passage of Measure M, the vets have formulated an "Election Purity Process" (EPP) they want installed at polling places.

This would involve ballot pre-screening to detect any deal-breaking ignorance on the individual voter's behalf via multiple-choice questions, a patriotic essay, an appearance before a review board and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance 10,000 times as a strobe light flickers.

Those who pass are admitted to the next stage, a TSA-like "Ballot Pre-Screening" during which ballots are scrutinized for any "technical problems."

This is followed by a "Freedom Pre-Wash," a spray booth in which voters are stripped and hosed down, then analyzed with application of something called a "Patriotism Probe" about which little has been disclosed.

The veterans introduced some legislative initiatives as well. They want all food dyed red white and blue; mandatory recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance before all meals (for which the local post receives a five cent royalty per recitation); and editorial authority over weather forecasts, newspaper headlines, horoscopes, restaurant menus, fortune cookie messages and animal crossing signs.

Aired before the City Council, the proposals inspired harsh criticism in subsequent letters to the editor.

In response, Belbuca said it was all an accident, and withdrew the plans.

"I was walking from the kitchen to the den with a pen and paper, tripped on a Lego and fell, accidentally scribbling out an elaborate, multi-point plan to subvert democracy," he said. "My bad."

trek into the woods to berate a group of Volunteer Trail Stewards (VTS) who were removing non-native plants and improving trails.

As the volunteers toiled with tools and wheelbarrows, the COMPLAIN!ers jeered, peppered them with snarky assessments of their progress and flung small bits of gravel their way.

People being people, or whatever the noisy and insufferable do-nothings may be, fractures soon appeared in the maudling movement. Even COMPLAIN!'s serial snivelers weren't annoying enough for some within their ranks.

Thence formed an even more strident faction, organized under the name WHINERS (Why the Hell Is Not Everyone Raging Extra Stridently?).

"The so-called "COMPLAIN!ers actually go to public meetings and exchange cordial nods with their oppressors during bathroom breaks," said Master WHINER Onureg Descovy. "They're compromised. That's why we stay home and project our incessant sniveling via ZOOM appearances."

But divisions deepened further when still another, more extreme faction emerged, calling itself ASSHAT (Arcatans Selectively Spittle Spewing All the Time). "COMPLAIN! and WHINERS are old school," reported Chief ASSHAT Jolessa Jolivette. "We only use the most droning tones and frequent expectoration to communicate our neeeeeeds."

Even Jolivette acknowledges that the three groups share a common motivation and mission. "The county's ground is poisoned, its air is polluted, the food is all chemicals, the government is corrupt, the schools are corporatized, the local media are tools, the doctors are Big Pharma shills and the firefighters are truly terrible knitters. Even the garbageman is an FBI agent. Oh, and the weather sucks," she said. "But we do this because we share a deep, abiding love for Humboldt."

Shroom cloud

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The incident occurred when Voltaren Gocovri, a rugged individualist at Ninth and H, flicked his Bic on a blunt he'd bought from another free spirit who lives three doorways up the street.

Unfortunately, the ambient density of aerosolized THC particles in the air caused a localized flashover, which spread from alcove to alcove, then into homes and businesses.

Within seconds, the entire Arcatasphere was alight, with an enormous plume of sickly-sweet smoke rising as a mushroom cloud and plunging the town into amber-infused twilight.

"That's some powerful shit," exclaimed Gocovri.

The atmospheric anomaly... anomaly.. a-nom nom nom... glitch grew even weirder when the rising smoke cooled in the upper atmosphere, the stoney specks agglomenerating.. agglom-

eromm... sticking together and falling back to Earth in the form of chewy hashish snowballs. These were readily scooped up by Arcata's legions of avid cannabizers, some of whom used the "stonerballs" to assemble a burnt umber-colored "stoneman" on the Plaza, naming him Parson Brown.

Meanwhile, a fine mist of THC settled over the town, coating everything in gummy amber sap. The newly glistening townscape offered a prime marketing opportunity for the Arcata Chamber of Commerce, which immediately organized a "Come and Lick Arcata" outreach campaign.

"Visit our weed wonderland," read the hastily-contrived brochure festooned with restaurant ads, "where the streets are lined with sticky!"

Meanwhile, the U.S. Weather Service revised its local forecast to partly stoney with occasional severe munchies for the remainder of the afternoon.

Sign | EIR approves ♦ FROM PAGE A1

To prevent the lot drainage from impacting aquatic life in the slough, it was "pre-cleaned" of what the project EIR called "slimy, weird-looking critters" by application of generous quantities of glyphosate. That inspired planners to jokingly nickname the Slough the "RoundUp River, sanitized for your protection," with chuckles all around.

Sign Lead Planner Inlyta Kapvay boasted of the minimal eco-footprint imposed by the parking areas. "I can honestly say that nothing, not a single animal in the sterilized slough will perish from the lot drainage."

The project's EIR dubbed these issues "ancillary concerns outside the fee schedule and beyond billable hours," disqualifying them for inclusion in the environmental review.

In what the EIR called "a side benefit," the sheer size of the sign plunges the entire Gateway Area into shadow after 2 p.m. That and the new Security National asphalt prairie effectively ended any aspirations to further developing the area.

The supersign has helped address several other issues challenging Humboldt. Inside the 29-foot diameter tubes that form the letters, some 318 units of student housing have been installed, occupying most of the letters A, R and C. Over in the second A, an Emergency Weather Shelter offers 102 beds. The towering T houses a variety of shops, businesses and "T For Trattoria," an Italian restaurant, on top. The final A is packed with plumbing and pumps, hosting a supplemental wastewater treatment plant to assist in processing the previous letters' emissions.

Zip lines have been installed between the letters for recreation, while diving boards offer thrill-seekers a gravity-assisted drop into the slough.

Humboldt Baykeeper issued a statement assuring that it is "monitoring the situation."

COMPLAIN! | Snivelers

♦ FROM PAGE A1

that calling decisionmakers corrupt and incompetent makes them really want devote themselves to working on their accusers' goals. That and the data proving that the louder you yell something, the truer it is compels the warblers to bleat at maximum volume at all times.

All of that is why all COMPLAIN!'s public utterances are premised on the assumption that those being heaped with scorn have no moral compass, awareness or motivation to do the right things. Moreover, said Vaby smo, "The implicit idea is that no one was doing any serious problem solving until we came along. You're welcome!"

COMPLAIN!'s annoyance-oriented advocates are trained to have an opinion on everything, and maintain constant situational awareness of video cameras in the area to maximize preening, public exposure and enhanced prestige among their belief tribe.

A new innovation is sending squads of "Action Scolds" to remote sights where people might be doing the right thing wrongly – or at least not up to the chronic COMPLAIN!ers' standards.

A recent field trip saw a COMPLAIN! Action Squad

trek into the woods to berate a group of Volunteer Trail Stewards (VTS) who were removing non-native plants and improving trails.

As the volunteers toiled with tools and wheelbarrows, the COMPLAIN!ers jeered, peppered them with snarky assessments of their progress and flung small bits of gravel their way.

People being people, or whatever the noisy and insufferable do-nothings may be, fractures soon appeared in the maudling movement. Even Jolivette acknowledges that the three groups share a common motivation and mission. "The county's ground is poisoned, its air is polluted, the food is all chemicals, the government is corrupt, the schools are corporatized, the local media are tools, the doctors are Big Pharma shills and the firefighters are truly terrible knitters. Even the garbageman is an FBI agent. Oh, and the weather sucks," she said. "But we do this because we share a deep, abiding love for Humboldt."

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'Citizen Plus+' makes gov't work for you

Krazati Kimmtrak
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT, APRIL 1 – A new program to improve citizen engagement is being adopted by local cities, and, say supporters, promises to break down barriers between government and some of the people it serves.

"Citizen Plus+" is an app-driven way for residents of Arcata, Blue Lake, McKinleyville, Trinidad and Manila "to put you, the citizen in charge," said Livmarli Cabenuva, regional representative for Citizen Plus+.

For a monthly charge, a town resident can, depending on their "Democracy Intensification Tier," be eligible for a variety of government benefits, perks and privileges.

"We've worked hard to put together a solid package to bolster democracy for our 'Plusers,'" Cabenuva said.



The Concerned Citizen – \$100/month

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- Five courtesy rides per

month (within town only) from the police department

- First three parking infractions forgiven; fines for subsequent violations discounted 20 percent
- Extra two minutes to speak at City Council or Services District meetings

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Danco's 'West Village Studios' to capture hip Manhattan vibe

Fasenra Sovaldi
MAD RIVER UNION

VALLEY WEST, APRIL 1 – Completion of DANCO Properties' transformation of an old Valley West motel into Permanent Supportive Housing has been delayed until this winter so that it can be outfitted with features worthy of its name – West Village Studios.

Funded by Project Homekey, the former Red Roof Inn is being remade into 78 units of housing for those presently homeless. But, seeking to evolve its image, Danco is infusing the project with unprecedented cosmopolitan style.

"The houseless deserve the same amenities you or I might demand from a truly civilized and

progressive town – New York City, for example," said DANCO spokesperson Nucynta Nilandron. "Specifically, West Greenwich Village."

Appointments inside and out will reflect the famed and highly chic West Village at West Village Studios, all intended for the exclusive use of residents.

Rooms will reflect the nautical style of the Jane Hotel, with the nearby Mad River serving as a stand-in for the Hudson.

A dining facility will be modeled on the Manhattan neighborhood's many small bistros, while a snack concession will resemble a bodega. The former motel bar will be renamed Stonewall West, and serve juices and energy drinks. An adjoining coffee shop will model the Village's Starbuck's Roastery.

Tesla and Lucid electric vehicle dealerships will complete the array of amenities.

THE SMALL APPLE Top left, the husk of the Red Roof Inn. Left, the Greenwich Village-esque cityscape it will become, complete with brownstone buildings, an entranceway inspired by Washington Square Park and a faux, AI-designed New York City skyline to complete the impression.

TOP LEFT IMAGE VIA DANCO; LEFT COMPOSITE IMAGE VIA DEEP DREAM GENERATOR



DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING Orick resident Amaryl Pestana, having succumbed to Cranky Old Man Affliction (COMA, won't you help?) spends a goodly number of hours each day sitting on a tattered lawn chair in his backyard, railing loudly to the skies about his innumerable gripes and grudges. (Apparently someone broke his Swiss "bear caddy," whatever that is.) So it was something of a shock when the clouds above finally responded in kind, shutting Pestana down in terms he understands. The harsh retort in water vapor was one of several odd atmospheric phenomena in local skies lately (see page A1).

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SPINNING SAW An advertisement for Shoshanna's burly new business.

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Shoshanna takes talents into the woods

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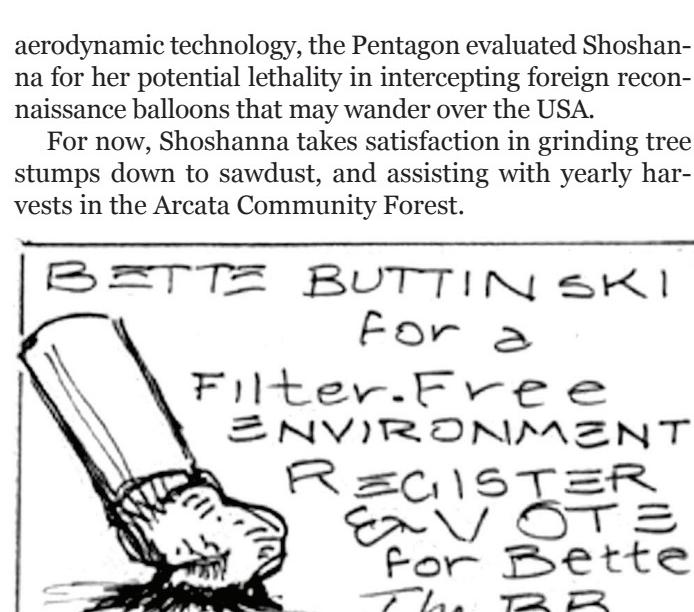
ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Downtown princess-for-all-seasons Shoshanna isn't slowing down her incessant whirling, but she is diversifying her techniques, and bringing new enchantment to the traditionally male-dominated and rough forest work.

Teaming up with Cal Poly Humboldt's School of Engineering, undergraduate and faculty tinkers found a way to attach chrome-vanadium (CV) steelcutting blades to Shoshanna's wardrobe of gowns.

Special lifting body properties were engineered into the blades to improve stability and ensure free rotation. Small rocket thrusters attached to the underside can be fired to ensure high-speed cutting through even the toughest timber.

"It's so exciting," said the questing enchantress. "Especially when we fire the rockets. I feel like I could whirl right up into the sky and hang out with Mary Poppins."

That's not just talk. On hearing of the gown-mounted



Cal Poly to acquire Schneider Mansion for student housing

Enbrel Jemperli
MAD RIVER UNION

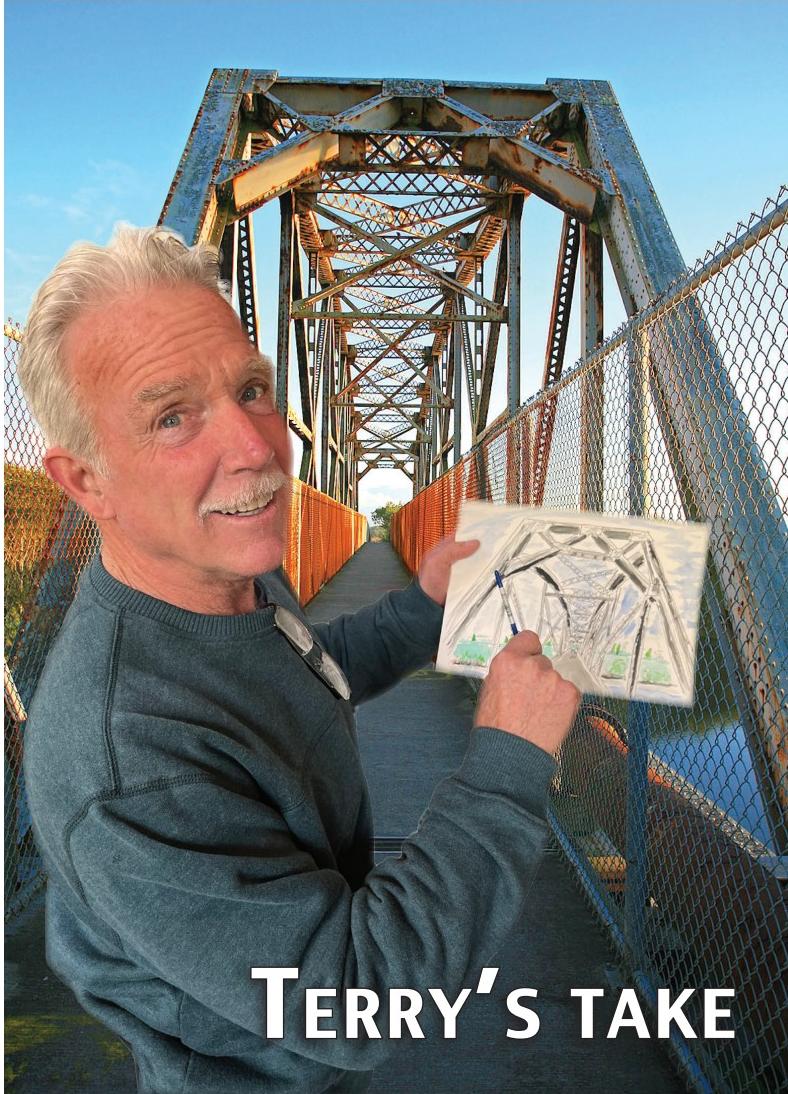
INDIANOLA, APRIL 1 – Cal Poly Humboldt announced yesterday that it is in negotiations with Travis Schneider and the County of Humboldt to acquire Schneider's incomplete mansion on Walker Point Road in Indianola to provide much-needed housing for students.

"As you know, we are facing a serious shortage of student housing and we need to look at every available option" said Ned Benchley, Director of Housing Programs for Cal Poly Humboldt. "Based on its size, we anticipate that Schneider's 21,000 square foot mansion could be divided into as many as 200 standard-size dorm rooms, providing housing for up to 450 students."

Asked about parking, Benchley noted that there is a large flat area at the base of the hill below the house. "There's plenty of room! Looks like they already put a road in there and everything!"

It has been reported that much of the work on the house had been done without obtaining necessary permits and that the structure was nearly three times as big as had been approved by the County. When asked about the possibility that the structure might have to be torn down for violating the terms of the permit, Benchley said "We've already prepared for that possibility. The structure itself is sound, even if there are problems with the location. We think it could easily be dismantled in pieces and rebuilt on a barge in the bay."





TERRY'S TAKE

ARTIST AT WORK

When Caltrans issued a \$72,000 Request for Proposals for "painting the Hammond Bridge," Arcata artiste extraordinaire Terry Finigan decided he was the man for the job, got hired and created one of his captivating primitivist renderings. "Painted yer bridge, boss!" said Finigan on presenting the painting. Asked for comment, a Caltrans spokesman gulped a lot, stammered and hung up the phone. Finigan said the agency tried to buy him off for \$100, but he told them, "A deal's a deal!"

XARELTO GAVISON | UNION



ROCK HALL OF FAME

HEAVY DESTINATION Travelers flock from all corners of the globe to the world-famous Arcata Plaza to behold its principal tourist attraction: Rock Nothing. A fixture for years, the rock at the Plaza's southwest corner consists of a large boulder with a blank smear of beguiling gray concrete on its south face. Above, tourists from Italy and France can barely contain their excitement at finally beholding Rock Nothing in person. "It's a dream come true," said Ameive Renvela of Florence, Italy, "Nothing we have back home can compare to its grace and majesty."

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Mara Segal



Ghost

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Angel

just wouldn't stay off the furniture or out of the garbage can and you'd like one that's a little less maintenance this time around.

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like us to be able to predict future veterinary expenses or at least assure the that the dog is not prone to specific ailments.

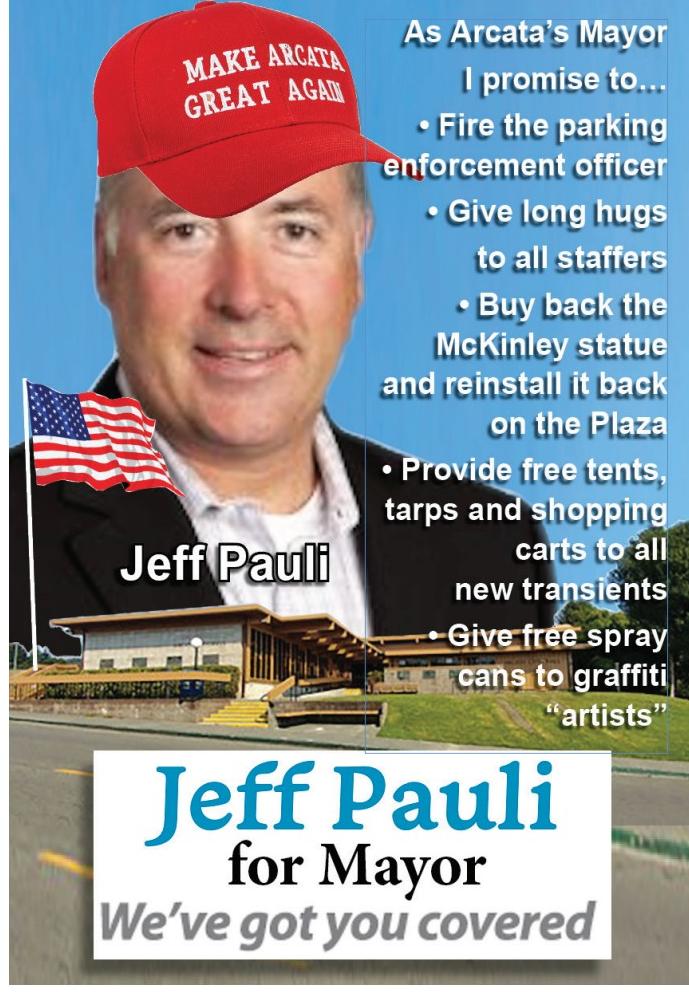
I can't tell you how many people would like a specific breed that doesn't manifest the breed's tendencies. They'd like a husky that's

As Arcata's Mayor I promise to...

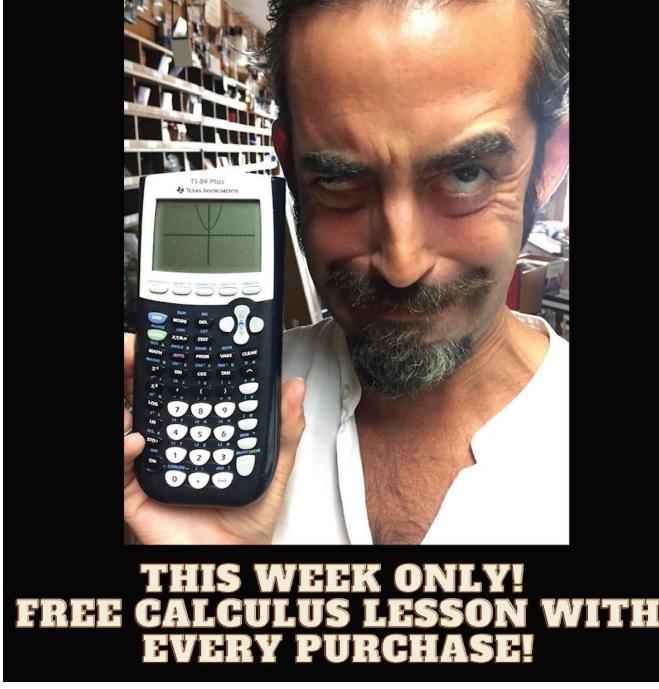
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French Fried Banana Slugs

10 to 12 plump banana slugs

Salt

1 cup flour

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon sweet paprika

1 teaspoon turmeric

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground pepper

Oil for frying

Combine flour and seasonings in a bowl. Scoop out one quarter-cup of flour mixture and place in another bowl and add two-thirds cup water and mix

well to make a batter.

Place slugs in a pot full of cold water and a large pinch of salt.

Swish them around so they release some of their less desirable bodily fluid. Drain on paper towels.

Drop a slug in the batter

and then roll in the flour and set aside and finish battering all the slugs. Fry in at least 3 inches of oil until golden and crispy.

Serve with your favorite dipping sauce!



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Arcata History – there's so much of it, the Historical Sites Society of Arcata had to winnow its collection. So we got rid of everything that isn't red! Visit Phillips House Museum, 7th & Union, and see red!



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Arcata City Att'y Nancy Diamond stepping down

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The City of Arcata's longtime city attorney, Nancy Diamond, is stepping down. The news came in a legal notice submitted to the *Union* (see page B9).

Diamond has served as city attorney since 2003, when she succeeded her former law partner, Bryan Gaynor, who had been city attorney since 1991.

As primary city attorney, she guided the city through numerous legal challenges – from rogue councilmembers to disputes with then-Humboldt State University, land use issues, personnel matters, lawsuits and more.

Diamond said she enjoyed her service, but is ready to move on.

"Working with the extraordinary talent that makes up the Arcata team has been, well, an extraordinary honor, and leaving is very difficult," she said. "But, I want to work a little less. I am not retiring and will continue to work with my other local public agency clients. Arcata's current stable and cohesive leadership provides a good time for the transition. I will be around to assist as needed for a smooth transition."

DIAMOND ♦ PAGE B2

Supes briefed on code enforcement

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – For the first time on an annual basis, Humboldt County's Code Enforcement Unit (CEU) has closed more cases than it's opened but nuisance properties are still vexing and the county is considering new ways to handle them.

An annual code enforcement report at the March 21 Board of Supervisors meeting highlighted enforcement successes, including a major cleanup and fencing of a McKinleyville property. But some supervisors remain concerned about nuisances and unkempt properties in their districts and

support for an anti-blight ordinance emerged.

Karen Meynell, the county's code enforcement manager, said a new process for communicating with property owners and validating complaints has paid off. "We've made significant progress toward addressing a backlog of cases," she continued.

In 2022, 329 new cases were opened and 117 of them are now closed. But the CEU also closed 342 cases predating 2022 and Meynell said 140 percent more cases are being closed than opened on average.

Four particularly significant county abatements

CODE ♦ PAGE B4

County OK allows new ACF easement

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – A county Board of Supervisors land use action will allow a Fickle Hill property owner to seal a conservation easement deal with the City of Arcata.

At their March 21 meeting, supervisors approved a parcel boundary adjustment that aligns a 2.4-acre parcel's zoning designation with that of the county's General Plan.

Planning Director John Ford said the change will allow the undeveloped parcel to be sold. But a section of it will become part of the Arcata Community Forest (ACF).

"Part of (the property owner's) proposal is to dedicate a conservation easement to the City of Arcata and I'm understanding that he's actively working with the city to have that be a benefit to the community forest," Ford said.

Scott Davies, the owner of the parcel and an adjacent 80-acre parcel, said work on the proposal began about three years ago when his wife died of cancer.

"My children and I envisioned this as a way to honor her but also reflect back to the community forest," he continued.

EASEMENT ♦ PAGE B4

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MEMBERS CHOICE For the first time since 2019, the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce held its annual Members Choice Awards event at the Blue Lake Casino's glittering Sapphire Palace Friday night. Awardees selected by Chamber members were: Large Business of the Year – Six Rivers Brewery; Small Business of the Year – The Bigfoot Taproom; Non-Profit Organization of the Year – The McKinleyville Senior Center; Home-Based Business of the Year – Spot To Spot Mobile Detailing; Outstanding Customer Service – Redwood Community Pharmacy; and Excellence in Community Service – the McKinleyville Community Services District. In addition, Wes and Teresa Green were honored with the Azalea Award.

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1,200 families helped by McK Center assistance

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

McKinleyville Family Resource Center staffers have reported that since opening in May of 2022, the center has provided family assistance to 1,200 households and is launching new programs, including participation in the state's experiment with providing guaranteed income.

Humboldt County supervisors learned of the center's recent advances when it was presented with a certificate of recognition at the board's March 21 meeting.

Sponsored by Board of Supervisors Chair Steve Madrone, the certificate gives the center a nod for being named the 2022 Best Company to Work For.

The honor is collaboration between county's Economic Development Division and the North Coast

Journal, which surveys employees about how they rank their workplaces in a number of categories.

"Based on that feedback, the McKinleyville Family Resource Center is the newest addition to that prestigious list of local employers," said Ryan Heitz, the county's economic development coordinator.

Led by Executive Director Hillarie Beyer, the staff team helms "programs that support, enrich, and sustain healthy community life," according to the center's website.

Robin Baker, one of the center's interim co-directors, said family assistance services have been provided to 4,000 people. And the center's work is getting attention from the state.

Baker reported that the center has been "conditionally awarded" \$2.3 million from the state to

CENTER ♦ PAGE B4

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Lacks Creek restoration project funded by Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

ARCATA — The Bureau of Land Management has announced \$100,000 from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will go towards completing restoration and improvement projects in the Lacks Creek Management Area in northwest California.

The projects will support fire resilience and advance Tribal co-stewardship, with forestry crews from the Hoopa Valley Tribe completing projects on public lands within the Tribe's ancestral homeland.

Projects will include hazardous fuels reduction, prairie and oak woodland restoration and maintenance of previous fuels treatments comple-

ed by the Tribe.

BLM California State Director Karen Mouritsen said the agency values the partnership with the Tribe and looks forward to upcoming accomplishments.

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Hoopa Tribe, which has already contributed significantly to improving conditions in the Lacks Creek Management Area near the Hoopa Reservation," said Mouritsen. "Members of the Tribe and the public will benefit from improved conditions well into the future."

The Hoopa Tribe is proud to coordinate with the Bureau of Land Management to conduct forest health activities in the Lacks Creek area within the Hoopa ancestral lands," said Tribal vice chairman Everett Colegrove, Jr. "Our forestry department has a long mutually beneficial

working relationship with the BLM and the Tribe is proud to continue this relationship."

The work completed by the Hoopa Tribe has the long-term benefit of reducing wildfire risk and improving the health of forests, woodlands, and prairies.

These projects have reduced high fuel loads and thinned dense tree populations to minimize the risk of high severity fires.

They also help restore historic ecosystem conditions, treating conifers that increasingly spreading into oak woodlands and prairies.

The 8,600-acre Lacks Creek Management Area is 20 miles northwest of Eureka, California, in the Coast Range.

The BLM Arcata Field Office and partners have invested more than \$4 million in CAL FIRE Forest Health Program grants on habitat restoration and improvements to provide public recreation access to the site.

Lacks Creek is within the Park Protection Zone for Redwood Creek, which flows through the old-growth redwood stands in Redwood National and State Parks. Efforts to restore old growth forest stands in the Lacks Creek watershed are important to protect critical habitat for fish and wildlife, improve watershed health, and provide recreational opportunities.

Cal Poly Humboldt and Sonoma State study North Coast cannabis industry

HCGA

ARCATA — Northern California's cannabis industry is the subject of a study that began in 2022 examining the economic impact of industry upon the region.

Cal Poly Humboldt and Sonoma State University are examining the economic impact of cannabis farming, manufacturing, distribution and retail sales on the county economies in Humboldt, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Trinity, and Del Norte counties.

"Cannabis remains a major economic force in rural Northern California. The industry's struggles are also struggles for industries that support cannabis farmers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers throughout this region. We are seeking survey data from cannabis businesses to help provide a foundation for the analysis of the breadth and depth of this industry in affecting the countywide economy and communities," said Jim Roberts, owner of The Madrones, The Brambles and The Bohemian Chemist in Mendocino County.

This study comes from efforts by all regional cannabis alliances to generate data and conclusions that help recognize community needs for operators in this industry. Origins Council and Humboldt County Growers Alliance (HCGA) are key intermediary team members for Cal Poly Humboldt and SSU to help and protect cannabis operators.

"In these challenging times for rural Northern California cannabis communities, it is imperative to gather and present actionable evidence to inform urgently needed policy shifts. The public, and many policymakers, do not grasp how difficult your path has been. Your participation will help us faithfully represent what you are going through by painting a clear picture of the challenges you have faced over the last few years. This is an opportunity to have your voice be heard in order to shift the market towards economic and community stability through evidence-based policy reform," said

Dominic Corva, cannabis studies program lead and cannabis specialist for the California Center for Rural Policy at Cal Poly Humboldt.

This project establishes a baseline to measure the economic health of the cannabis industry, and by which public policies can be evaluated for efficacy for years to come.

There has never been a thorough analysis of the role of cannabis to the local economy of rural Northern California.

The study considers such issues as the economic impact of cannabis on the private and public sectors, cannabis incomes and expenses for regulated and unregulated businesses, job creation, taxes, and government and administrative costs.

Some of the questions this study will seek to address include:

- How much cannabis is produced by the North Coast cannabis community?
- How much is the region contributing to California's GDP?
- How long have businesses been in the community and how much do they contribute to state and local taxes?
- How many people are employed; how much is paid in wages?
- How much are cannabis businesses paying in licenses, permits, and fees.

"This proposal helps policymakers, advocates, private business, and local residents understand the economic and business aspects of this industry and the cannabis community needs in terms of vendor relationships and government partnerships from the local to state level", says economics professor Robert Eyer, who leads the study. "The framing is that cannabis is an agricultural crop that is processed, converted to other goods in manufacturing, distributed and sold. We are trying to measure what that means in these six counties in terms of economic and fiscal effects."

We are seeking help from cannabis businesses.

The survey can be found at sonoma.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5pefCbJm2H381FQ

Diamond

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While the city can't replace Diamond's deep institutional knowledge, it has set demanding criteria for her replacement. States the legal notice, "The firm/individual must be qualified to provide expertise in the area of general municipal law, including for example planning, zoning, environmental review, construction, municipal finance, the Public Records Act, Brown Act, ethics, conflict of interest laws, litigation, municipal employment law, and labor relations statute"

Diamond is enthused about the change after having served for "A very, very long time."

"It's time for a new City Attorney!" she said.



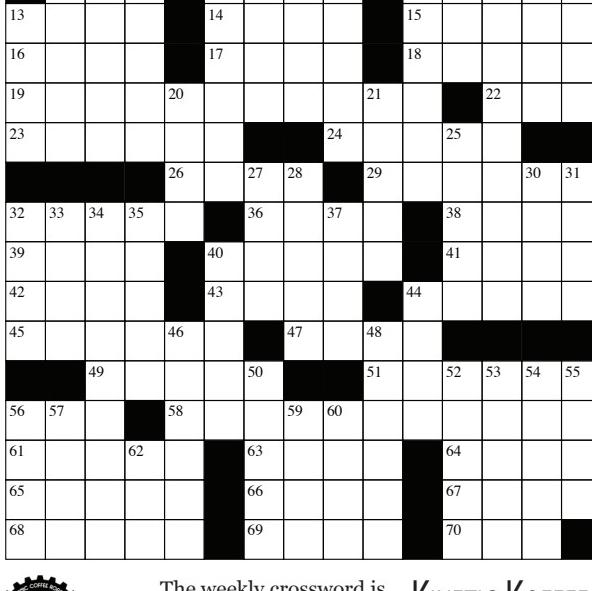
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ACROSS

1. Motorist's need
4. ___ into; collide with
8. In poor taste
13. Desperate cry
14. Sound in body
15. Nettles
16. American Indian
17. Movie dog
18. Like a bird
19. Cocktail
22. Ocean liner: abbr.
23. Nonstandard car accessory
24. Lock of hair
26. Hit
29. Perfumes
32. Gold measure
33. Recipe direction
38. Melted rock
39. In ___; huffy
40. Site
41. Surmounting
42. Duct secretion
43. In case
44. Work details
45. Type of tax
47. Let up
49. Chocolate source
51. Idolizes
56. Word with lime or lemon
58. Progress
61. Place for a carnation
63. Oriental nursemaid
64. This: Sp.
65. Name
66. Row
67. Weirdo
68. Long-eared animals
69. Chair
70. Filthy quarters
- Mid. Eng.

DOWN

1. Tutor's question
2. "All ___"; Irving Berlin hit
3. Cavalry weapon
4. Dark image
5. Continue
6. Quartet member
7. Intended
8. Outline drawer
9. Feel horrible
10. Kid in the next desk
11. Comical Etta
12. North Sea feeder
13. Takes the lion's share
20. Aerie
21. Incensed
25. ___ system
27. Skilled
28. Taunt
30. Admit frankly
31. Fools
32. Mulgrew or Winslet
33. Summit
34. Agrees to take back
35. Heart chambers
37. Legal proceedings
40. Entrée
44. Give up
46. Weighting devices
48. Drawer refreshers
50. Skating rinks and eggs
52. Auguries
53. Readjust
54. Door
55. South African village
56. Canadian prov.
57. Speaker's spot
59. École friend
60. Grandma's nickname
62. Slimy creature: Mid. Eng.



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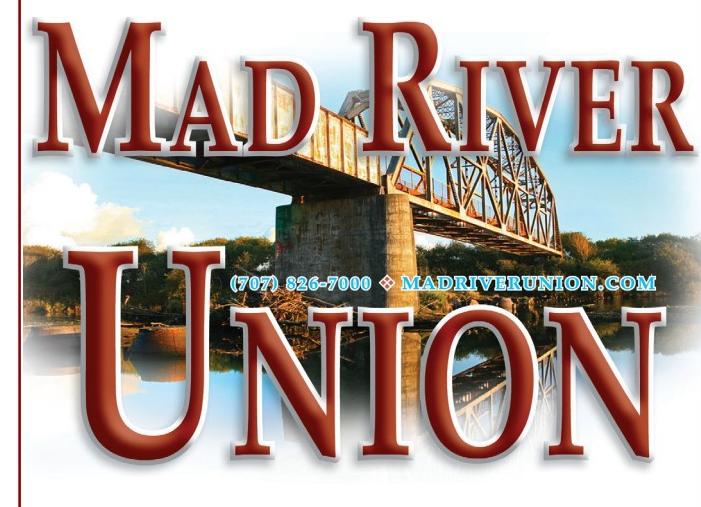


Duffy named HC Fair director

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

HUMBOLDT — The Humboldt County Fair Association Board of Directors has announced that Jill Duffy was appointed as the interim general manager of the association, effective March 15. Duffy succeeds Rich Silacci, who served the association since January of 2022.

Duffy retired in December of 2021 after 10 years as executive director of the Humboldt Waste Management Authority. "I am excited to work closely with the association's Board of Directors as they prepare for this year's 127th Annual Humboldt County Fair" states Duffy. "The Fair is an amazing community experience where one can find a little something for everyone."



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SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY Join the Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt for a Discovery Day of Exploring Science Saturday, April 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This family-friendly event is great for all ages. Take a closer look at subjects in the natural world, such as geology, marine biology and zoology. Get hands-on with live reptiles, amphibians, and chinchillas, interactive tables and science activities. Participate in a scavenger hunt, and play games. Make connections during this exciting exploration of education. For more information visit natmus.humboldt.edu or call (707) 826-4479.

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Place of Sale: FRONT ENTRANCE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 133,468.67

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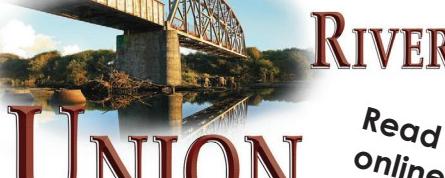
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Goose and Maverick – brothers seeking laps

Spring is here! Is the sun out today? I don't know about you, but I am ready to warm up and dry out. My littlest dog, Marley, a chihuahua/corgi mix, walked to the front of our porch last Saturday, looked at the sky, and headed back into the house. Saturday morning is our pack walk day and if you know Marley, you know he wants to go anywhere that I am going and has toughed out many cold pack walks. I swear I could hear him give a long sigh as he rejected the outing...

We have had some sunny news even with the cloudy days. Big boy Arlo was the favorite during the recent fourth grade tour of the shelter. This past week his owner found that he was at the shelter and she came rushing over to get him!

He was very happy to see her, practically jumping into her arms. She had been out of the country and the person watching Arlo was not able to find where he had gone. They had contacted the shelter but somehow the messages got crossed and he was not picked up. We are really happy when we get to see a reunion like this!

We've had some great adoptions lately also and we always hope for

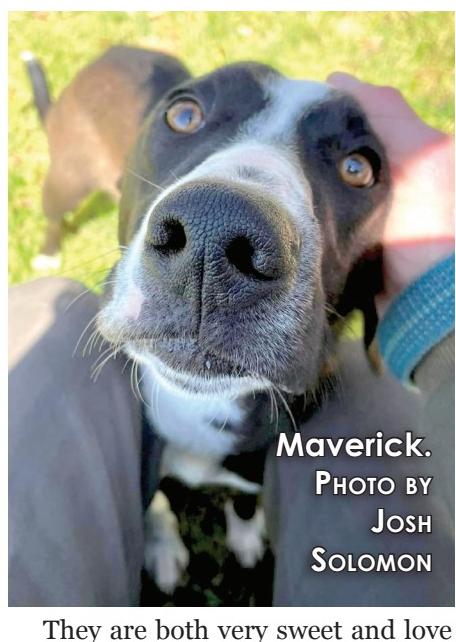
more of those. Here are two brothers that might appeal to you. They caught my eye when they first came in as they bear a distinct resemblance to my late great Hank.

I often counsel potential adopters not to pick a dog just because they remind them of their last dog, which can be a recipe for disappointment, but these cuties have plenty going for them on their own merits.

Goose and Maverick are brothers. The shelter estimates their age at about nine months old. If I were guessing, I would say they could be cattle dog and lab. They are a nice medium size; Goose is about 50 pounds and Maverick is about 45. Some of the things we



do have been new to them, like walking on a leash, but they have been excellent students and are catching on very quickly.



They are both very sweet and love to be pet or cuddled. They will give kisses and would be happy to climb into a lap if they could!

They each have their own personalities – Maverick is a little braver, Goose likes to take his time figuring things out – but both are charming and would make great companions.

When a potential adopter makes an appointment at the shelter, they may meet up to three dogs. We would certainly encourage meeting both of these boys to see who is the best match.

Dogs and cats at the shelter are spayed and neutered at the time of adoption as well as microchipped, vaccinated and tested for heartworm.

To make an appointment to meet Goose or Maverick, please call the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132.

Code | 'Fairly good record'

FROM PAGE B1

ments were described during the report, one of them on Montana Road in McKinleyville. The problem property's owner had died and Meynell said there were "people living there creating quite a mess."

It included billowing amounts of solid waste and junk vehicles. "The conditions were attracting rats to the neighborhood," Meynell said.

Before and after photos showed the property in its blighted and post-clean-up conditions.

Meynell also described "several challenges" facing the county, including properties whose owners are dead.

"Putting penalties on someone who is deceased doesn't matter, that doesn't motivate anybody," she said.

Homeless encampments and people living in RVs is another challenging issue. The county has a housing shortage and Meynell said "it's difficult to remove people from their living situation when they have no alternative."

Vacation rentals are also creating problems. There are hundreds of them in the county and Meynell said they're not allowed through zoning "except in very limited circumstances."

The short-term rentals sometimes draw complaints about noise, parking and "changes to the neighborhood's character," she said.

An ordinance that sets permitting rules for vacation rentals is in the works.

Discussing what they'd heard, supervisors related experiences with problem properties in their districts.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said a property in his district was abated but nevertheless became a drug-dealing location.

It was "more of a people problem than a land use problem," Meynell said, and it's being solved by using a novel technique – appointing a "receiver" to take control of the property and addressing its is-

sues.

"The equity from the property will pay for the work that they do," she continued.

There was also some frustration about the persistence of nuisances.

"I'd love to say we're doing a great job but it just doesn't feel like it," said Supervisor Rex Bohn. He asked Planning Director John Ford what the board can do to help.

Some neglected properties don't fit squarely within the county's codes and Ford said a property maintenance/blight ordinance would open avenues of enforcement on them.

Supervisors supported the suggestion.

There was appreciation for the county's code enforcement work during a public comment session. McKinleyville resident Lisa Dugan lives in the neighborhood of the cleaned-up property on Montana Road and thanked CEU staff for their abatement work.

"Our neighborhood is completely different than it was prior to that," she said.

Another commenter asked about the case status of the alternative living structure community in Trinidad known as Yee Haw.

It's been an open case for years and Ford said the CEU has encouraged the property owner to come up with an "alternative plan" allowing the county to avoid abatement action.

"We've not seen that

plan and it is not really the county's role to develop what the plan would be," he continued. "That violation is still there and there hasn't been any movement to resolve it."

On cannabis-related abatements, Meynell said that since 2017, more than 1,200 cases have been opened. About 400 of them remain open but 187 of them are in the process of completing compliance agreements.

She said the number of cases that have been closed or settled – 83 percent – reflects "a fairly good record."

Easement | 'Incredible asset'

FROM PAGE B1

His family's property "connects to the community forest," and he described the forest as "an incredible asset to the community but specifically to us as well."

Davies said work on the agreement with the city is "very far along" and he's spent more than \$80,000 on surveying and "restorative" non-industrial timber management harvesting that's "in alignment with how the community forest is managed."

He said the boundary change will extend the community forest east by about a half-mile.

"This is something that feels like a win-win for everyone," he continued. "I'm gifting this to the city and there's no monetary exchange whatsoever."

Supervisors unanimously approved the lot line adjustment. "Thank you for your work to do a wonderful thing and to honor your sweetheart," said Board Chair Steve Madrone.

Center | Guaranteed income

FROM PAGE B1

willingness to have "hard conversations, as a team" about "access to services in other languages, around colonization."

She said the center's staff has taken Native American studies courses at Cal Poly Humboldt "so that we can have these hard conversations that enable us to serve the community better."

Eric Kanaga, a program director with the county's Department of Human Services and the county's representative to the center, also commented on "the culture that they've created for their staff."

It includes "anti-racist policies," having "difficult conversations supporting our community and the staff that they work with" and using "reflective supervision techniques," he said.

"They just really lift each other up and support each other, and what a phenomenal place to work for," he continued.

Supervisors credited Beyer for ably directing the center, with Supervisor Rex Bohn describing her as "the heart and soul of getting it built" along with former county Supervisor Ryan Sundberg.

Madrone, who replaced Sundberg after defeating him in the 2018 election, gave him a "big shout-out" for working "continuously to help make this happen."

"This is definitely one of his legacies," Madrone said.

SANCTUARY FOREST RADIO HOUR Tune in to KMUD Community Radio on Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m. for the *Sanctuary Forest Radio Hour*. Sanctuary Forest host April Newlander will be joined by Todd Golder, district conservationist for NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation District). We'll be talking about how NRCS helps farmers, ranchers and forest landowners conserve their soil, water, air and other natural resources. NRCS also provides farmers, ranchers and forest managers with free technical assistance, including resource assessment, practice design and resource monitoring. We'll also give an update on the state of the river, the drought and other updates! Listen live or on the archive at kmud.org.



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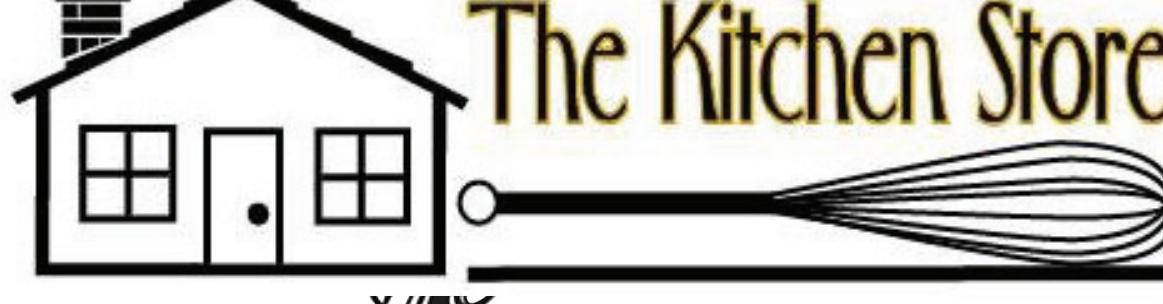


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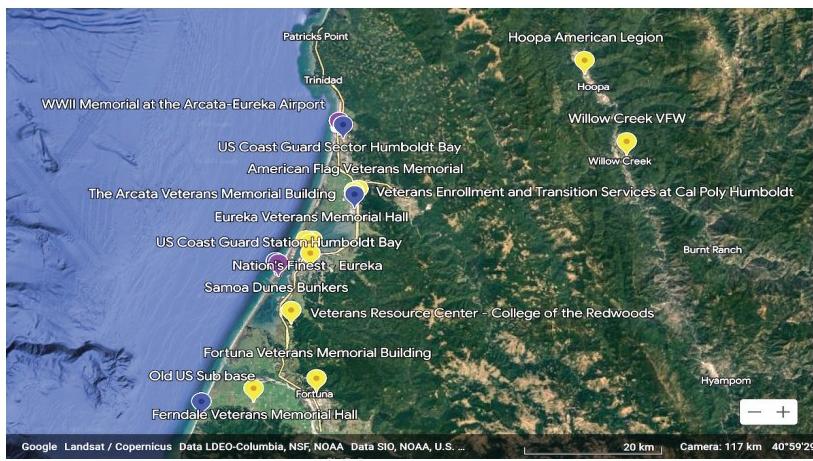
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Vets Resource Map unveiled

AMERICAN LEGION POST 274

ARCATA — The Arcata Veterans Memorial Hall and The American Legion, Arcata Post 274 are excited to announce the release of the Humboldt County Interactive Veterans Resource Map.

The Interactive Veterans Resource Map lists points of interest for veterans and those interested in learning more about veterans' services in Humboldt County.

Included on the map are veterans' halls and organizations, resource centers, historical points of interest and active military locations.

Veteran-owned businesses

will soon be added to the map as well.

The public is encouraged to access and utilize the map at tinyurl.com/VIPhumco.

Surveys to recommend additional locations for the map and to suggest businesses for the veteran-owned business list can also be found on the website.

This project is a collaboration of The American Legion, Arcata Post 274, Friends of the Veterans Hall and CollegeCorps students from Cal Poly Humboldt.

For questions or additional information, contact Logan Rosselli at llr38@humboldt.edu.

Butler Valley Inc. seeks donations for its Open House/Spring Fling

BUTLER VALLEY, INC.

EUREKA — Butler Valley Inc. is a local non-profit organization that has served individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for over 40 years, our mission is to promote independence and support participation through work, education and socialization.

Butler Valley supports individuals in two residential homes (licensed by California Department of Health) and at the Carole Sund Farm (formerly named Carole Sund Center an adult day program licensed through Community Care Licensing).

We focus on assisting individuals with developing skills to become as independent as possible, this can encompass skills from time management, money

management, job development to home living skills.

As a non-profit agency we are always seeking donations to help us improve the services we provide to individuals.

Currently we are seeking donations to use in a Silent Auction during our Open House/Spring Fling that will be held on May 6 to celebrate our 10-year anniversary of the farm.

Please contact our office at (707) 442-2451 and speak with either Suzette Ott (Executive Director) or Debbie Caton (Assistant Director) if you would like to make a donation.

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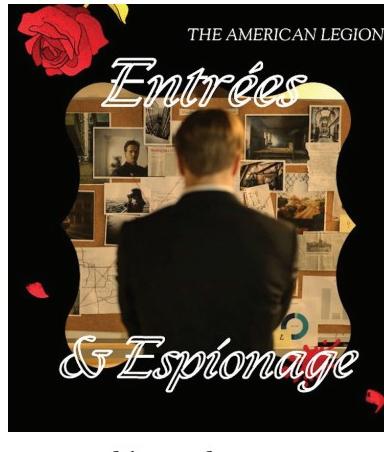
AMERICAN LEGION POST 274

ARCATA — The Arcata Veterans Memorial Hall and The American Legion, Arcata Post 274 will be hosting a murder mystery dinner experience on Saturday, April 29 and are currently offering sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

For this event, titled *Entrées and Espionage*, guests will join together at the Veterans Hall to celebrate the retirement of the International Conspiracy Collective's most esteemed spy, but during dinner, things run awry and attendees must now solve the murder of a party guest!

Throughout the night, guests will be treated to a variety of interactive performances from some of the best artistic talents in Humboldt County, appreciate live music, and enjoy a spectacular dinner catered by Mother's Cooking Experience.

The Hall would like to invite local businesses to sponsor this event and is offering several



sponsorship packages. Sponsorships help the Hall to purchase supplies and to pay the event's talent for their hard work and dedication.

Proceeds from this event support the Hall in its endeavors to provide resources and support to local veterans and the community as a whole. In addition, a portion of the event's proceeds will also be donated to Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods.

Sponsorship packages may include tickets to the show, so

cial media highlighting, tabling opportunities at the event, product/service placement in the show and even incorporation of sponsors and their guests into the show. Please note that these opportunities vary based on the sponsorship package purchased.

To become a sponsor or to learn more, reach out to Logan Rosselli at llr38@humboldt.edu before Saturday, April 1. It is recommended to reach out as soon as possible to ensure sponsorship slots do not fill up.

♦ CRAIGSLIST AD OF THE WEEK

Come pick over the ruins of our Westwood lives

SENIOR NEWS
“If we couldn't laugh, we'd all go insane,” said poet Robert Frost. If so, “What's So Funny?” is our contribution to sanity, the *Senior News* sort-of annual humor issue. We celebrate both the only month intentionally dedicated to Fools, and share goofy stories and bad jokes to brighten gray days as we move into spring.



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Humboldt Senior Resource Center in Eureka,

circulating 10,000 copies by subscription and

free at businesses all over Humboldt County.

It's online at humsenior.org under the Senior News tab. Alert readers will also find it inserted in the *Times-Standard* and *Mad River Union*.



that \$\$\$, especially if you previously had affordable rent.)

Anyways, we've got some good cast irons, kitchen items, fishing gear, tools and vintage women's clothing, a crab pot, golf clubs, not to mention some hiking and camping gear.

We had been building soil in our garden for the past 5 years, so come by with a container for some great compost if you're lucky enough to have outdoor space. In Arcata, the new norm is 48 sq. ft. of deck space to constitute outdoor recreational space even though city ordinances designate this should be 150 sq. ft. Every new development has gotten an exemption to the rules, so now the exemption IS the rule. I digress...

We don't want to be moving, but we got evicted! Over eight years of paying rent on time, maintaining our apartment and being good neighbors doesn't really count for anything when your landlord wants to "substantially renovate" your apartment and turn it over to double the rent they collect (or more)!

Come enjoy a beer with us, gripe and find some camaraderie along with some new stuff that hopefully you will not have to sell at your eviction sale.

How exciting to be in a community that is on the forefront of mass gentrification, so come find some cute stuff for your home while you still have one too!



GET YOUR MONEY BACK!

Days & Hours of Operation:
TUESDAY-SATURDAY
8 AM-5 PM

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420 South G Street
Arcata, Calif.





OPINION

Dream negotiation

Late last night, Joe Biden picked up the phone and called Vladimir Putin. After exchanging greetings, Biden said, "So Vlad, we really need to find a way out of this Ukraine mess!"

"What are you thinking, Joe?" said Putin.

Biden went on to lay out some basic guidelines:

- Immediate ceasefire.
- Withdrawal of Russian troops and weapons.
- Neutrality for Ukraine, with no further NATO expansion.
- Acceptance of 2014 annexation of Crimea by Russia.
- Return to the 2015 Minsk Agreements, granting partial autonomy to Donetsk and Luhansk.
- NATO pledge to not deploy offensive missiles near Russia's borders.

Putin grunted, started to protest that the Donbas was part of Russia. Then he sighed and said, "OK Joe. Let's at least talk about it, if you can get Zelensky to attend, and if we can meet in a neutral country and none of us will be arrested for war crimes."

LETTERS

They agreed to put their staff people in touch to work out details.

Biden said, "Yeah, Vlad, we really can't let this thing escalate any more and become a nuclear World War III," a statement resembling Khrushchev's words to Kennedy in 1962, which led to a resolution of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Putin expressed agreement and suggested that, if they could resolve Ukraine, perhaps they could include China in the discussion, and move on to reinstating some of the nuclear weapons treaties.

"Good idea!" said Biden.

That's when I woke up.

My eyes were possessed by warmongering Blinken, flowing with the tears of ongoing war. I had to sit there and Crimea river!

(All April Foolery aside, I do think a Biden/Putin phone call could lead to diplomacy and peace, and I wish they would do it. It just might save the Earth.)

Dave Meserve
Arcata

At a crossroads

The human race is at a crossroads that has been 10,000 years in the making. (Recommended reading: *The Chalice and The Blade* by Riane Eisler and *Darwin's Lost Theory of Love* by David Llody.)

The war in Ukraine is another proxy war between the U.S. and Russia over the usual culprits, gas and oil.

The Black Sea continental shelf of Crimea contains 58.6 billion cubic meters of natural gas, 1,231 million tons of gas condensate, and 2.53 million tons of crude oil.

Ninety percent of Ukraine's natural gas is in the Dnieper-Donetsk region. With 4 to 13 trillion cubic meters of natural gas it is Europe's third largest shale gas reserve.

Without imports U.S. oil reserves will last five more years.

There are no easy solutions – or maybe there are, but division is deeply sewn. Can we choose to share Earth's resources according to human needs and the needs of the natural world, or are we going to continue to worship at the feet of hierarchy: profit of

the few over the misery of the many; rich vs poor; sane vs insane; measurement of worth based on what you possess and high-status employment; God is the head of man and man is the head of woman; (No, I will not be silenced, Mr. Tarsus; No, I am not a pitcher of filth with its mouth full of blood; no, my hair is not your fetish; no, I will not scar my head with burning incense cones in order to be "consecrated" and you can call me "knee-jerk libber" all you like, professor) Mafia vs. democracy; winner/loser enforced by guns, whips and chains, or are we going to meet basic human needs for all and strive to facilitate each person's honorable and natural capacity for creative work, contribution, generosity, joy, balanced clarity of mind and inherent human worth?

We have, in the last 50 years made some progress but now there is a big push back from the, "powers that be," building since the era of Reganomics and who can say whether we are going to reach the end of this very long row we've been hoeing?

Margo Gross
Arcata

Arcata House stepped up, followed through and needs our help

The three-week Extreme Weather Shelter offered 796 bed nights and blew a \$25,000 hole in the budget

It was a nice respite from all the extreme weather for the past few weeks, deluges of rain and snow, these are not kind conditions to be houseless.

I'd like to start off by offering my appreciation and thanks for all the community members who volunteered and help support Arcata House Partnership's Extreme Weather Shelter earlier this month. I also thank the City of Arcata for additional funding support to cover some of the expenses of running the shelter.



NEWS FROM THE GROVE
Gene Joyce

and three meals a day when it was needed most. The facility remained open during the day as a warming center for those in need. Connection to support services and transportation was offered, case management was on site and people were enrolled in the coordinated entry system – the entry point for many other services.

People received more than a hot drink and a place to relax. They received the same level of care that anyone in any of Arcata House Partnership shelters receives.

Although they have slept on cots and had temporary accommodations, they were relatively warm and dry and fed. Over that three-week period, 476 bed nights were provided, an average of 22 people served each day.

One bed night equals one person for one night. Arcata House Partnership has offered the extreme weather shelter at other times this past winter as well. Season to date Arcata House Partnership has hosted 116, with 796 bed nights provided, and thousands of

meals.

These last three weeks saw over 300 hours of volunteer service and AHP wants to thank the community for your support. Even with the support from the City of Arcata, Arcata House Partnership expended over \$25,000 in expenses and costs that were in excess of our planned budget. The needs of the community takes priority in these times.

Now with more rain and inclement weather on the way, Arcata House Partnership continues to prepare for future emergency



This was the only alternative – one of many frigid camps tucked into nooks and crannies around town, this one at the Community Center.
PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION

weather condition. They need to increase their volunteers, they require additional funding and monetary support.

It takes a community to care for its community and WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW.

If you would like to be involved in future emergency services or for other services that AHP offers please contact Mike at hr@arcatahouse.org or call (707) 296-4122. Donate online at arcatahouse.org or mail your support to Arcata House Partnership, 1005 11th St., Arcata, CA 95521.

Gene Joyce
Arcata

Any time spent observing them will confirm the amazingness of birds

When this idea first occurred to me, I had not thought too much about this. Heck yeah, birds are amazing. I have known that since I was a kid.

However, upon reflection, this is a huge subject. There is no way I can cover this in a column. Whole books are written on one species and their amazing ways. So, I decided to cover my personal experiences of "amazingness!"



BIRD BRAINS

Louise Bacon-Ogden

late to save the bird from drowning. (I immediately changed the style of waterer.)

While birding, I heard the "Keer, keer, keer" of a red-shouldered hawk. Scanning the skies, I saw nothing but continued to hear the hawk. Then, I noticed a branch moving. There

sat a Steller's jay, probably laughing at me! His mimic was pretty good, enough to fool me. Jays are infamous for mimicking other birds, especially if they can scatter a flock at a feeder. All the more seed for him!

At my bird store (Strictly for the Birds), I installed a gumball machine to dispense seed for the downtown pigeons. With no one around to plop in a nickel, a pigeon would sit on top of the machine, look in the window and coo to me. The machine was replaced with small 50 cent bags for the birds. On

one afternoon a customer bought some cute bird earrings. As she stepped from the store with her small bag...well, it was like a scene from *The Birds!* The poor woman ran inside to seek cover.

Having a store in Old Town, Eureka was great. On a nice day I'd stand in the sun and breathe the salt air. I couldn't help but notice a tall building sporting a plastic owl. These were marketed to keep birds from roosting where they were not wanted. Instead,

I witnessed and also photographed the pigeons quietly roosting all around their "feared predator." Pigeons fear real owls but knew plastic from flesh and feathers.

The peregrine kept watch from atop my building where he stealthily hunted squab. Now there is a real threat.

At home, I had a pond (then a fountain) with a timed waterfall. The backyard birds knew the exact time it began to flow, as they waited for it to click on. They also recognized me as the "bird feeder." I would approach a feeder and they only flew a short distance to watch each feeder being filled.

As I watered the vegetable garden, I was visited by a hummer. They love misting water. They fly through to get a bath. As I watered I began moving the hose about and the little bird followed the spray until satisfied.

I was surprised to learn that hummingbirds like dust baths as well. Sparrows are infamous for doing that. I saw ahead of me on a path, some dusting going on. To my amazement, it was a hummer.

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back bed. As I passed, I noticed they had poked holes into the bags. I thought, "Oh no, they have broken into bags of dog or chicken food." I did a double-take when I read on the bag, "Wood pellets." The birds

many of my former customers, lived in more wooded habitats. They had the pleasure of hosting jays. (To some, not always a pleasure. My thought is that jays are often smarter than people and humans do not like to be out-done!) These folks would buy whole peanuts for their backyard visitors. Their joy was watching as a jay would pick up a peanut and seem to "weigh" it. Then take the largest peanuts first. They often found the triples!

Jays (and other corvids) have been studied extensively. It was discovered that a jay could remember where each hidden acorn was, even months later.

I was duped by a jay and manipulated by a raven. On occasion, I would throw a bread heel onto my garage roof. It was there for which ever bird came first. It took no time at all for the resident raven to be there for the throw. It was fun and I often threw "good" bread out. After a while, too much bread was put out for the raven and we went sandwich-less! Time for this to end. However, for quite some time, that darn bird would sit on the garage roof and caw until I gave him bread. OK, I admit it, I did on occasion heed his call!



RAVEN

ART BY LOUISE BACON-OGDEN

Birds have adapted very much to humans. A huge pickup was parked in front of my store. Within minutes of exiting the vehicle, a mother and baby house sparrow alighted on the bumper. Mom went into the grill and pulled out freshly killed bugs off the radiator. Baby sat by with gaping beak!

Recently, as I exited the grocery store, I was trundling the cart toward my car. I noticed a truck with four or five crows in the

knew enough to know such bags can contain something yummy. I wondered how long it took for them to know they made an error.

I knew that crows and ravens would mob a hawk. What I didn't know was that swallows also do the same. Then what really blew my mind was when a local photographer captured a picture of a blackbird literally standing on the back of a red-tail.

My yard is within the City of Eureka. However,

SCENE

THE EXIT *The Something Different Show* will take place Wednesday, March 29 at the Exit Theatre at 890 G St., second floor, in Arcata. Arcata's monthly primetime interactive variety interview show, featuring local artists and personalities. With Humboldt Circus, Perika, Jonthan Hughes and music by Rick MacKenzie. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$8 in advance in advance or at the door. For more information, call (415) 203-2516 or visit theexit.org.

RICHARD'S GOAT Dumbo Gets Mad will perform on Thursday, March 30 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St. in Arcata. Dumbo Gets Mad is an Italian psychedelic pop project, formed in 2011 by Luca Bergomi. Their fourth album, *Things Are Random And Time Is Speeding Up*, was released in 2021. The live band for this North American tour will be formed by Bergomi, Lorenzo Rotteglia on drums, Ivan Torelli on bass and Carlotta Menozzi on vocals. With Sea Moya, a German electronic psychedelia band blending influences of Afro-beat and krautrock with 70s psychedelic sounds and contemporary electronic music. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more information, call (707) 630-5000 or visit richardsgoat.com.

HUMBOLDT BREWERY "Redwood" Larry Goldberg's 70th Birthday and Benefit Concert featuring Miracle Show and Savoy Truffle will take place Friday, March 31 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. Benefit concert for World Central Kitchen in their efforts to help earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria as well as the victims of the Ukrainian war. The concert will feature Grateful Dead tribute Miracle Show and Beatles tribute Savoy Truffle. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. 21 and over. Suggested donation is \$20 at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

HUMBOLDT BREWERY Hillstomp will perform Saturday, April 1 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. Hillstomp is a two-man band comprised of Henry Hill Kammerer and John Johnson. Henry plays guitar and banjo like a hurricane, and if you close your eyes you'd swear he's playing two parts at once. John Johnson beats mercilessly on his drums, with the fury of a demon loose from hell. Once you get past the pure ferocity of his playing, you notice the parts are intricately crafted patterns that provide the framework for Kammerer's guitar and banjo sorcery. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

HUMBOLDT BREWERY Joe Pug will perform Sunday, April 2 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. A singer-songwriter known for his lyrical acumen and plaintive harmonica style, Joe Pug dropped out of college and moved to Chicago, where he worked as a carpenter before breaking into the city's music scene. He has toured with Steve Earle, Levon Helm, The Killers, Sturgill Simpson and many others. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$25 in advance and at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

COMING UP Israel Vibration and Roots Radic will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Thursday, April 20 at 9 p.m. Lotus will perform at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Wednesday, April 26 at 8 p.m. Reverend Horton Heat will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Thursday, May 11 at 8 p.m.

MUSIC, SINGING, DANCING THIS WEEKEND Croatian folk music expert John Morovich teaches a weekend of music, singing and dance workshops, starting with a potluck dinner at the Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Rd., in Blue Lake on Friday, March 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. A singing and instrumental class follows on Saturday, April 1, at Synapsis, 1675 Union St. in Eureka, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. A dance party with music by John, Chubritza and the Balkan Meetup starts at 7 p.m. at Synapsis. The weekend wraps up with a Croatian dance workshop at the Redwood Raks Studio, 824 L St. in Arcata at 11:30 a.m. Prices for the workshops are \$10-20, dance party is \$15-\$25, sliding scale. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. All levels of experience, singing voices and instruments are welcome! For complete details, go to humboldtfolkdancers.org or call (707) 496-6734.



John
Morovich

MISTER MOONBEAM AT MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM Mister Moonbeam will entertain museum goers at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka on Saturday, April 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. for Arts Alive! Enjoy guitar, foot bass, foot drums, magic flute and vocals all played by Mister Moonbeam, simultaneously! Mister Moonbeam is a musical John Henry for the age of digital art... On the cusp of AI possibly rendering human creativity irrelevant, he has transformed himself into a music machine in order to compete. Having spent a decade diligently training all available limbs to play instruments, he is ready to flail the extent of his creative powers against the machine gods! Come watch this "April Fool," and root for human creative capacity as he valiantly but inevitably succumbs to the fate of all future artists in the face of the techno titan! Mister Moonbeam's tunes are sure to create smiles, memories, wonder and joy!

LAND BACK: Artwork of Ka'ila Farrell-Smith at Cal Poly

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT CAL POLY CAMPUS – Cal Poly Humboldt's Goudi'ni Native American Arts Gallery presents *LAND BACK: Artwork of Ka'ila Farrell-Smith*, a visual artist, writer and activist located in Modoc Point, Oregon. Featuring paintings and traditional Indigenous art practices, she explores the space between the Indigenous and Western paradigms.

The *LAND BACK* body of work is made up of abstract paintings utilizing wild-harvested pigments from Klamath lands and aerosol stencils of metal detritus found on the ranch land at Modoc Point Studio. Created while reconnecting with the land and collecting findings to use for the works. Ka'ila's studio practice blends activism, research, and land-based art practice into this body of work.

The exhibit is open to in-person viewing four days a week, and presented virtually at art.humboldt.edu/galleries. In-person viewing hours at the Goudi'ni Gallery are: Wednesday/Thursday from noon to 6 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The gallery is closed Sunday through Tuesday. Also open via appointment, please contact the Gallery Director at rbg@humboldt.edu, or



LAND BACK Left, *Red Coyote for Pitsap* by Ka'ila Farrell-Smith. Right, *Missing Her No Man Camps*, 2019, Wildfire charcoal from Pelican Butte, red clay from Painted Hills, acrylic, aerosol, oil bars on wood panel.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

call (707) 826-3629.

The Goudi'ni Gallery is located on the bottom floor of the Behavioral & Social Sciences Building at Union AND 17th streets on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. Parking is available through the City of Arcata at meters along Union Street, or at the campus lots near the BSS building. See

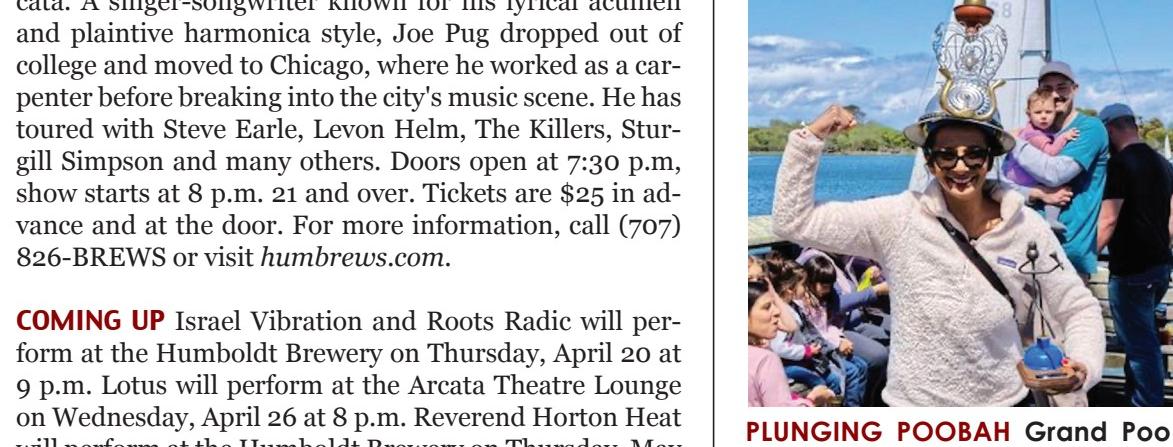
parking.humboldt.edu for current campus parking information. *LAND BACK* was installed by the Art + Film Dept Museum & Gallery Practices class under the direction of Assistant Professor Berit Potter and Gallery Director Brittany Britton, and was partially funded by Instructionally Related Activity Fees.

The Peril is palpable, but the Plungers are plucky

REDWOOD DISCOVERY MUSEUM

EUREKA – The 22nd Annual Perilous Plunge will take place on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. at the foot of F Street in Eureka. It is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Redwood Discovery Museum, and free for the public to view.

The Perilous Plunge sets the museum's budget for the year, and helps the nonprofit organization provide scholarships, programs, exhibits, and more. The Plunge is how the Discovery Museum is able to continue offering fun, educational, positive childhood experiences to Humboldt families.



PLUNGING POOBAH Grand Poobah of 2022; Asha Medhekar. Asha won the award by raising the most funds of any Plunger.

This wonderful and wacky event brings out the child in us all by providing an opportunity to dress up and be silly, all while supporting hands-on educational fun for children of all ages.

At 9:45 a.m., the bravest folks in Humboldt will join the parade led by Cal Poly's Marching Lumberjacks. After the parade reaches the docks at the foot of F Street, these amazing human beings will jump into the bay, then head to the VIP tent for a soak in the hot tub, warm lunch, and a cocktail (21-plus). The judges will rate each plunger and team for their costume and jump. An awards ceremony will follow the main event; awards for Best Jump, Wackiest Costume, Grand Poobahs and more will be distributed.

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FOLK LIFE & BUDDY BROWN BLUES FESTIVALS THIS SUMMER IN BLUE LAKE

HUMBOLDT FOLK LIFE SOCIETY

BLUE LAKE – Humboldt Folklife Society invites you to the 2023 Folklife Music Wednesday, July 26 to Saturday, July 29 in Blue Lake.

Enjoy four fun-packed days of music, dance, workshops, and food/beverages at Dell'Arte.

The Humboldt Folklife Society is excited to carry on this beloved tradition, started in 1978, in its 45th year! Featuring local talented musicians with folk music from around the world, this year's festival is not to be missed!

Buddy Brown Blues Festival

Join us for this special event on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Perigot Park in Blue Lake. The blues festival features all local bands, and is the only fundraiser that the Folklife So-



PLUNGERS IN WAITING The Redwood Capital Bank Team, Wes Robelen as Humboldt's Giant Pink Fairy and other Plungers line up to take the leap in 2022.

PHOTOS VIA REDWOOD DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Participants can still sign up to plunge. Individuals and teams can sign up at www.discovery-museum.org/perilous-plunge. Collect pledges from family, friends, and anyone who would like to see you jump into Humboldt Bay for a good cause! Minimum pledge amount is \$175 per plunger.

Proceeds from this event allow the Discovery Museum to continue providing critical services that foster passion for exploration and learning to over 15,000

of our region's youth, annually. Funds raised by the Perilous Plunge have benefited our community by providing field trips to the Museum for local school children, scholarships for Pal Camp and Family Memberships for low-income families, free programs to the community, and educational hands-on exhibits that promote creativity, imagination, and exploration.



GRAVITY ASSIST Board President of the Redwood Discovery Museum, Lynn Langdon, takes the Plunge for the kids of Humboldt in 2022.

through hands-on learning and discovery. The Museum fills a critical niche in the educational system by offering children and their families an affordable environment to interact, play, and learn. To learn more on how you can support educational exhibits and programs at our area's only children's museum, visit discovery-museum.org.

More information on festival specifics and tickets will be available soon.

And please spread the word, we are now accepting applications from musicians for both our annual festivals! Seeking local, diverse performers to participate! Fill out the application here through April 30th!

For over 40 years, the Humboldt Folklife Society has existed to teach, celebrate, and encourage participation in folk and traditional arts.



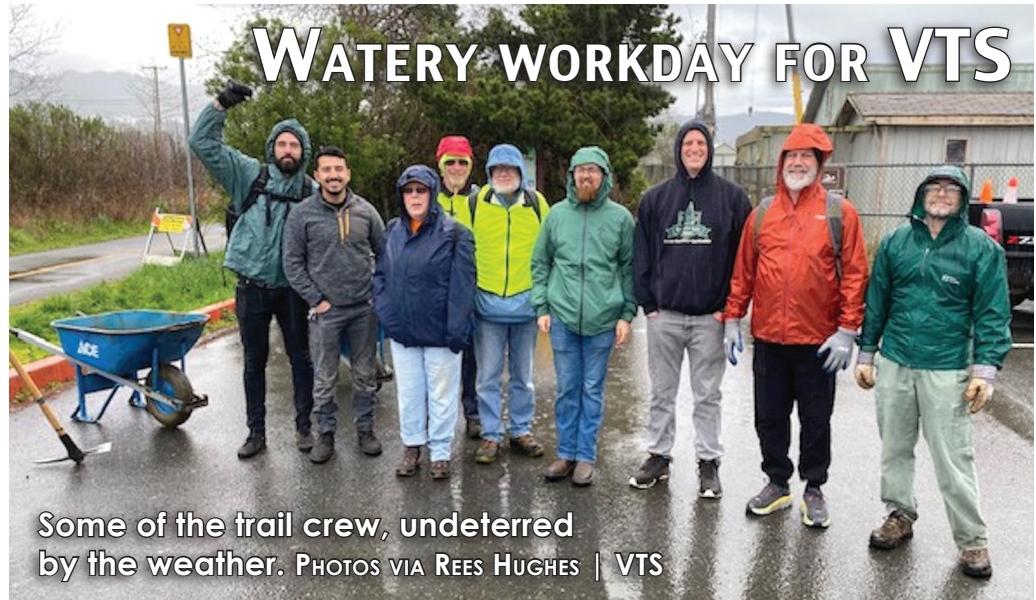
United Indian Health Services, Inc.
IMMEDIATE RELEASE

United Indian Health Services is seeking Indian Community Members interested in serving as potential Candidates to be members of the UIHS Board of Directors. Potential Candidates must reside in and around the UIHS Service area within one of the following regions:

- **Area 2:** In and around Orick, Trinidad, McKinleyville, and Blue Lake – Seeking a Primary Delegate and an Alternate Delegate for a (3) three-year term (June 2023 – June 2026)
- **Area 4:** In and around Hoopa and Willow Creek – Seeking a Primary Delegate and an Alternate Delegate for a (3) three-year term (June 2023 – June 2026)
- **Area 5:** In and around Weitchpec, Johnsons, and Orleans – Seeking an Alternate Delegate to fill the remaining (1) one-year term out of a 3-year term. (June 2023 – June 2024)

All interested Indian Community Members may request a Declaration of Candidacy packet at www.uihs.org, at any UIHS Clinic, or by calling 707.825-4121 or 707.825-4136. The Declaration of Candidacy forms must be submitted or post-marked no later than April 14, 2023 to:

**UIHS Election Committee
PO Box 4238
Arcata, CA 95518**



Some of the trail crew, undeterred by the weather. PHOTOS VIA REES HUGHES | VTS

STEWARDS IN THE RAIN 14 hardy souls turned up for Saturday's Arcata Volunteer Trail Steward work day. It started in the rain but concluded in the sun. VTSters mowed along the Humboldt Bay Trail North, removed graffiti, picked up trash and spread rock along one of the Arcata Marsh trails. Contact Rees Hughes (hughes@humboldt.edu) to get on the mailing list for future Arcata workdays.



Johnny Norris, Korina Johnson, Johnnie and John Saldana with a wagon full of trash.

Godwit Days kickoff reception set

GODWIT DAYS

HUMBOLDT — The spring migration bird festival returns to an in-person event at the Arcata Community Center following a four-year hiatus.

A reception and lecture open to the general public will kick off Friday, April 14. All are invited between 5 and 6:30 p.m. to browse the vendor booths and enjoy food donated by Wildberries Marketplace, the North Coast Co-op, Cypress Grove Chevre, Ramone's Bakery & Café, Murphy's Market (Sunny Brae), Safeway (Arcata), and Desserts On Us. Beer from Mad River Brewing Company and wine will be available for purchase. The reception is co-organized by



RELEASED Tiana Williams-Claussen (in red shirt) releases condor 208 after testing it for blood lead and replacing a wing transmitter, with Ventana Wildlife Society biologists Sayre Flannigan and Kristy Mar-kowitz.

PHOTO BY CHRIS WEST



The California Condor (known as prey-gon-eesh in the Yurok language) is a species of particularly high cultural importance to the Yurok Tribe.

PHOTO BY CHRIS WEST

Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society.

Following the reception, a free lecture by Tiana Williams-Claussen and Chris West will center on the 14-year effort by the Yurok Tribe to reintroduce California Condors to northern California. The tribe partnered with Redwood National and State Parks and others to successfully bring Prey-goneesh – the Yurok name for condor – home to the Pacific Northwest. In 2003, tribal elders made the decision to bring the bird – which the Yurok consider to be among Earth's first creatures and the being that carries their prayers to the Creator – back to its ancestral territory after a century-plus absence.

Condors are the largest birds in North America, weighing up to 30 pounds with a 10-foot wingspan. They are so heavy that they can have trouble taking off, so they often use open, windy areas where they can run downhill or

launch themselves from a cliff edge or exposed branch to get airborne. All 550 condors now living are descended from 22 birds brought into captivity in 1987, in a controversial but successful breeding program. Now, over half of them live in the wild in California, Arizona, Utah, and Baja California, Mexico. Their major threats are lead poisoning from ammunition fragments in carcasses they eat and power lines. In the late Pleistocene (40,000 years ago), condors were found throughout North America, scavenging off giant mammals. [Sources: Cornell Lab

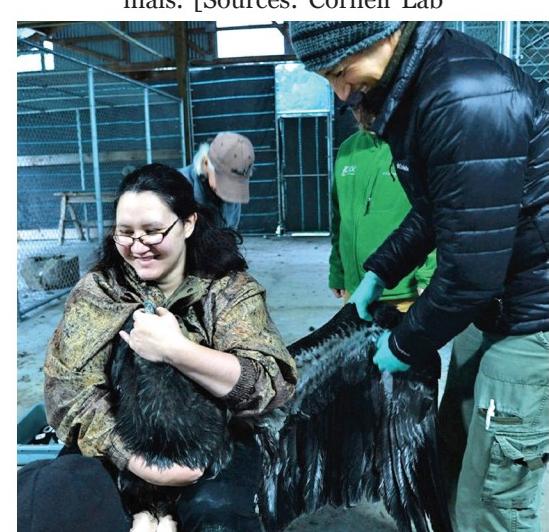


WILD + WEST Chris West, an expert on condor reintroduction, leads the Yurok program.

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Humboldt. Chris, who is the Northern California Condor Restoration Program manager, began working with condors as an intern with the Ventana Wildlife Society in 1999, leading to his Master's research at Humboldt State University investigating condor vigilance behavior while feeding. He has worked for the Tribe since 2008.

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HANDLING TRAINING Tiana Williams-Claussen, director of the Yurok Tribe Wildlife Department, at a handling training at the Oregon Zoo.

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